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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM:

Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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SUBJECT: Proposal to Establish a Systems Development Staff
in FBIS

This memorandum requests your concurrence in FBIS' proposal to establish a Systems Development Staff.

BACKGROUND: FBIS is engaged in a number of major activities designed to modernize those operations that involve the collection and processing of media information. Among these activities is the automation of the DAILY REPORT (MIDAS), which will be in the operational stage within the next few months. A number of items in FBIS' 1984 program will give the modernization process major impetus. These items include: (a) the development of a major communications net linking all of our overseas bureaus to each other and to FBIS Headquarters; (b) expansion of our satellite monitoring capability; (c) establishment of an automated system for the document translation component (Joint Publications Research Service); (d) creation of an automated data base for the Analysis Group; (e) automation of the field bureaus' editing functions. In view of these new major initiatives, which involve modern computer technology, there is clearly an important need for a small staff in FBIS to develop implementation plans, direct projects related to the new activities, and manage relations with contractors.

We would propose to establish the staff by 1 October 1982. The attachments describe the organization and functions of such a staff.

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Attachments:

- A. Organization
- B. Functions

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